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8 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THROUGH:

SUBJECT: Official Commendation by the President
of the United States

I take great pleasure in forwarding to you for inclusion in your official files, the attached citation and commendation from the President of the United States for your services with the National Photographic Interpretation Center during a period of international crisis. This is, indeed, an unusual and significant recognition of your performance of duty and represents an achievement in which you and your Service may well take pride.

ARTHUR C. LUNDAHL
Director
National Photographic Interpretation Center

Enclosure:

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in commending the NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER for outstanding achievement and service to the security of the United States and the Free World during a time of grave international crisis.

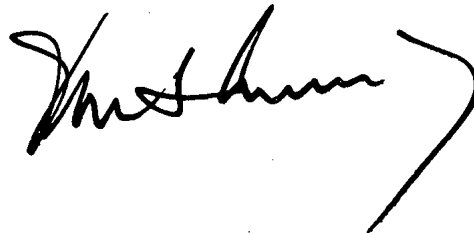
CITATION:

"The National Photographic Interpretation Center distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service during the period from 1 May 1962 through 31 December 1962. During the period of international crisis, the Center served as the focal point for the receipt and immediate analysis of intelligence photography and was instrumental in identifying the nature and magnitude of the threat to world peace. Although working under great stress, personnel of the Center were able to carefully analyze and process a massive volume of critical intelligence material, thereby enabling the United States to respond immediately and effectively to the developing threat. The outstanding achievement of the members of the National Photographic Interpretation Center is in keeping with the finest traditions of service to the United States."

All Armed Forces personnel assigned or attached to the Center and performing duty at any time during this period are hereby authorized to wear the emblem or ribbon for the following decoration, as appropriate to their service:

Army	- Meritorious Unit Commendation
Navy	- Navy Unit Commendation
Air Force	- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

All members of the Center will be presented an appropriate certificate in recognition of their outstanding achievement and will have this commendation made a matter of record in their official files.



THE WHITE HOUSE,

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